



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: December 18, 2007

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: City Clerk's Office, Administrative Services Department

SUBJECT: City Advisory Group Appointments

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Make appointments to the City Advisory Groups; and
- B. Make a recommendation to the Mayor on the appointment to the Housing Authority Commission.

DISCUSSION:

There are 64 positions currently available for appointment to various City Advisory Groups. On November 20, and December 4, 2007, Council interviewed applicants for these positions. A Council subcommittee also interviewed applicants for the Franklin Center, Lower Westside Center and Westside Center Advisory Committees, and the Community Development and Human Services Committee on November 15, 2007.

A list of applicants eligible for appointment is attached. The Guidelines for the City of Santa Barbara Advisory Groups, Resolution No. 06-092, states that applicants are required to appear for an interview before the City Council. The names of applicants failing to appear for an interview are removed from the list of persons eligible for appointment. Appointments for the Advisory Groups will be effective January 1, 2008. Appointment to the Housing Authority Commission will be effective February 16, 2008.

ATTACHMENT: List of Eligible Applicants

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office

REVIEWED BY: _____ Finance _____ Attorney

Agenda Item No. _____

ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW

- Three vacancies.
- One term expires 12/31/2009; and
Two terms expire 12/31/2011.
- Qualified electors of the City:
 - One licensed landscape architect practicing in the City; and
 - One licensed architect practicing in the City, or a person who possesses professional qualifications in related fields, including but not limited to, building design, structural engineering or industrial design; and
 - One licensed architect practicing in the City, or a person who possesses professional qualifications in related fields, including but not limited to, building design, structural engineering or industrial design, or a person who represents the public at large.
- Appointees may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

Note: All applicants are eligible for the “Architect/Professional Qualifications/Public at large” position.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
Architect/Professional Qualifications (1)	Clay Aurell	3/6/2007; 9 months		Architect
	Christopher Manson-Hing	11/25/2003; 4 years		Architect
	Keith Rivera			Architect
	Allen Zimmer			Architect

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ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW (CONT'D)

Note: All applicants listed above are also eligible for the “Architect/Professional Qualifications/Public at large” position.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Architect/Professional Qualifications/Public at large (1)</i>	Gary Feldstein			
<i>Licensed Landscape Architect (1)</i>	None			

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Three vacancies.
- Terms expire 12/31/2011.
- Qualified electors of the City.
- Appointees may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Qualified electors (3)</i>	Darian Bleacher	6/22/2004; 3 years, 6 months		
	Michael Humphrey		1) Arts Advisory Committee; 2) Community Events & Festivals Committee; 3) Community Development & Human Services Committee	
	Judy Nilsen	6/24/2003 & 11/25/2003; 4 years, 6 months		

BUILDING AND FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

- Three vacancies.
- Open terms.
- Residents of the City or adjoining unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County.
- Appointees may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Residents of the City or the County (3)</i>	Bruce Burnworth			
	Steve Metsch			

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

- Two vacancies.
- Terms expire 12/31/2011.
- Qualified electors of the City.
- Appointees may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government and, for one year after ceasing to be a member, shall not be eligible for any salaried office or employment with the City.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Qualified Electors (2)</i>	Alan T. Kasehagen	11/25/2003; 4 years		
	Donna Lewis	6/28/2005; 2 years, 6 months		

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

- Six vacancies.
- One term expires 12/31/2008;
Two terms expire 12/31/2010; and
Three terms expire 12/31/2011.
- Residents or employees within the City but need not be qualified electors of the City. One representative from each:
 - Downtown Neighborhood (Census Tract 9)
 - Eastside Neighborhood (Census Tracts 8.01 and 8.02)
 - Latino Community
 - Senior Community
 - Westside Neighborhood (Census Tracts 10 and 11.02)
 - Youth Oriented Services
- Appointees may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Downtown Neighborhood (1)</i>	Allan Anderson			
	Michael Humphrey		1) Arts Advisory Committee; 2) Community Events & Festivals Committee; 3) Community Development & Human Services Committee	
	Lisa Ann Lane			
	Alice O'Connor			

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th)	Notes
<i>Eastside Neighborhood (1)</i>	Veronica Loza	7/3/2007; 5 months		
<i>Latino Community (1)</i>	None			
<i>Senior Community (1)</i>	Michael Getto			Also eligible for Downtown Neighborhood category
<i>Westside Neighborhood (1)</i>	Josephine Torres		1) Community Development & Human Services Committee; 2) Westside Center Advisory Committee	Current member of the Westside Center Advisory Committee; term expires December 31, 2007.
<i>Youth Oriented Services (1)</i>	None			

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND FESTIVALS COMMITTEE

- Five vacancies.
- One term expires 12/31/2010;
Four terms expire 12/31/2011.
- Three representatives of the business/lodging/retail industry;
One representative of the cultural arts; and
One resident of the City who represents the public at large and whom shall not represent any specific group.
- Appointees may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

Note: Per Resolution No. 06-086, qualifications for member of this Committee were revised as follows: Three representatives of the business, lodging or retail industry; two cultural arts representatives; and two public at large representatives, one of which shall not represent any specific group.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Business/Lodging/ Retail Industry (3)</i>	Michael Humphrey		1) Arts Advisory Committee; 2) Community Events & Festivals Committee; 3) Community Development & Human Services Committee	City
	Jason McCarthy	12/13/2005; 2 years		Non-City resident
<i>Cultural Arts (1)</i>	Katrina Carl	12/13/2005; 2 years		Non-City resident
<i>Resident of the City who represents the public at large and does not represent any specific group (1)</i>	None			

CREEKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Four vacancies.
- Terms expire 12/31/2010.
- Two members may be non-City residents:
 - Three persons with some experience in ocean use, business, or environmental issues, and/or represent the community at large; and
 - One representative of the hotel/lodging industry.
- Appointees may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

Note: Per Resolution No. 06-087, qualifications for members of this Committee were revised as follows: One person with experience in environmental/land use issues; one representative of the hotel/lodging industry, and five persons with experience in ocean use, business, or environmental issues, and/or provides community at large representation.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Experience in ocean use, business, or environmental issues, and/or represents the community at large (3)</i>	Dorothy Blasing			Non-City resident
	Lee Moldaver	7/11/2006; 1 year, 5 months		City
	Roger Schlueter			City
	George Weber	12/13/2005; 2 years		Non-City resident
<i>Hotel/Lodging Industry (1)</i>	Daniel Hochman	3/6/2001, 2/26/2002, 11/25/2003, and 12/13/2005; 6 years, 9 months		City

DOWNTOWN PARKING COMMITTEE

- Two vacancies.
- Terms expire 12/31/2010.
- Residents of the City
- Appointees may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Residents of the City (2)</i>	Tom Williams	7/11/2006; 1 year; 5 months		

FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION

- Two vacancies.
- Terms expire 12/31/2011.
- Qualified electors of the City.
- Appointees may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Qualified Electors (2)</i>	John Lauritsen			
	Daniel Signor	10/2/2001, and 11/25/2003; 6 years, 2 months		

FIRE AND POLICE PENSION COMMISSION

- Two vacancies.
- Terms expire 12/31/2010.
- Qualified electors of the City who are not active firefighters or active police officers.
- Appointees may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Qualified Electors (2)</i>	None			

FRANKLIN CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Three vacancies.
- One term expires 12/31/2008;
One term expires 12/31/2009; and
One term expires 12/31/2010.
- One resident or employee of the Franklin Neighborhood (Census Tracts 8.01, 8.02 or 9); and
Two residents of the City who represent the public at large.
- Appointees may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

Note: Applicants for the “Resident/Employee in the Franklin Neighborhood” category are also eligible for the “Public at large” category.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Resident/Employee in the Franklin Neighborhood (1)</i>	Sebastian Aldana, Jr.			Census Tract 8.01
	Dan La Berge			Census Tract 8.02
	Miguel Valle			Census Tract 8.01
<i>Public at large (2)</i>	None			

HARBOR COMMISSION

- Two vacancies.
- Terms expire 12/31/2011.
- Qualified electors of the City.
- Appointees may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Qualified Electors (2)</i>	William Anikouchine	6/24/2003, and 11/25/2003; 4 years, 6 months		
	Frank Kelly	12/17/2002, and 11/25/2003; 5 years		

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

- Two vacancies.
- Terms expire 12/31/2011.
- Appointees may be City or non-City residents and may represent the public at large.
- Appointees may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Public at large (2)</i>	Susette Naylor	11/25/2003; 4 years		Architect – Qualified elector

HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSION

- One vacancy.
- Term expires 2/15/2010 (Appointment is effective 2/16/2008).
- Senior Tenant (62 years of age or older and is receiving housing assistance from the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara.)
- Appointee may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Senior Tenant (1)</i>	Stanley R. Eisele			

LIBRARY BOARD

- Two vacancies.
- Terms expire 12/31/2011.
- Qualified electors of the City.
- Appointees may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Qualified Electors (2)</i>	Dorothy Tucker Brilliant	7/25/2000, and 6/22/2004; 7 years, 5 months		

LIVING WAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- One vacancy.
- Term expires 6/30/2010.
- Owner or manager of a business operating within the City.
- Appointee may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Owner/Manager of a business operating within the City (1)</i>	None			

LOWER WESTSIDE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Four vacancies.
- One term expires 12/31/2009;
One term expires 12/31/2010; and
Two terms expire 12/31/2011.
- Members are not required to be qualified electors of the City:
 - Three residents or employees in the Lower Westside Neighborhood (Census Tracts 12.02, 12.03 and 12.04); and
 - One resident of the City who represents the public at large.
- Appointees may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

Note: Applicants for the “Residents/Employees in Lower Westside Neighborhood” are also eligible for the “Public at Large” category.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Residents/Employees in the Lower Westside Neighborhood (3)</i>	Elena Cruz	7/11/2006; 1 year, 5 months		Census Tract 12.04
	Manuel Cruz			Census Tract 12.04
	Teresa D. Wentz			Census Tract 12.04
<i>Public at large (1)</i>	None			

MEASURE P COMMITTEE

- One vacancy.
- Term expires 12/31/2011.
- Resident of the City.
- Appointee may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Resident of the City (1)</i>	None			

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

- One vacancy.
- Term expires 12/31/2011.
- Qualified elector of the City.
- Appointee may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Qualified Elector (1)</i>	Daraka Larimore-Hall	12/13/2005; 2 years		

PLANNING COMMISSION

- Two vacancies.
- Terms expire 12/31/2011.
- Qualified electors of the City.
- Appointees may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Qualified Electors (2)</i>	Charmaine Curtis Jacobs	11/25/2003; 4 years		
	John C. Jostes	11/25/2003; 4 years		

RENTAL HOUSING MEDIATION TASK FORCE

- Five vacancies.
- One term expires 12/31/2008;
One term expires 12/31/2010; and
Three terms expire 12/31/2011.
- Two appointees must be residents of the City:
 - One homeowner;
 - Three landlords; and
 - One tenant.
- Appointees may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
Homeowner (1)	Barbara Smith-Sherrill	6/22/2004; 3 years, 6 months		City
Landlords (3)	Silvio Di Loreto	6/28/2005; 2 years, 6 months		County
Tenant (1)	None			

SIGN COMMITTEE

- One vacancy.
- Term expires 12/31/2010
- Resident of the City who represents the public at large.
- Appointee may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Resident of the City (1)</i>	Jennifer Rose	12/19/2006; 1 year		

WATER COMMISSION

- Two vacancies.
- Terms expire 12/31/2011.
- Qualified electors of the City.
- Appointees may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Qualified Electors (2)</i>	Kathleen Rees	3/2/1999, 2/22/2000, and 11/25/2003; 8 years, 9 months		

WESTSIDE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Five vacancies.
- Two terms expire 12/31/2009;
One term expires 12/31/2010; and
Two terms expire 12/31/2011.
- Members are not required to be qualified electors of the City:
 - Three residents or employees in the Lower Westside Neighborhood (Census Tracts 9, 10, 11.01 and 11.02); and
 - Two residents of the City who represent the public at large.
- Appointees may not hold any full-time paid office or employment in City government.

Note: Applicants for the “Residents or Employees in the Westside Neighborhood” category are also eligible for the “Public at large” category, unless otherwise indicated.

CATEGORY (Number of Vacancies)	APPLICANT	Incumbent Appt. Dates (Years Served)	Applicant's Preference (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th)	Notes
<i>Residents/Employees in the Westside Neighborhood (3)</i>	Carlos Guerrero *			Census Tract 11.02
	Jesus Rodriguez			Census Tract 10
	Josephine Torres	12/13/2005; 2 years	1) Community Development & Human Services Committee; 2) Westside Center Advisory Committee	Census Tract 10
<i>Residents of the City who represents the public at large (2)</i>	Vidal Chipriz			

* Resident of the County; not eligible for the public at large category.

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7 November 2007

Mayor and City Council
City of Santa Barbara
Via e-mail

Dear Madame Mayor and City Council Members

I am again applying for the Board of Water Commissioners, after discussing this opening with Ms Rebecca Bjork, acting director of the water department (I am unsure of her exact title). I am in Chile, working and attending a scientific conference, until mid-December, so Ms Bjork suggested I send this letter since I cannot attend the Council interview sessions. In any event, I appeared before the Council last June, so you have had an opportunity to interview me in person.

I think I can make a valuable contribution to the City's water and wastewater operations for the following reasons:

- I am a professional geophysicist and hydrogeologist and I deal with surface water and groundwater issues regularly.
- In my consulting work I deal regularly with various regulatory agencies, in some cases the same ones that the City deals with in permitting water and wastewater operations.
- On the basis of past service as a Water Commissioner and consulting involvement with local hydrogeology, I am very familiar with the physical aspects of the water resources of the City. I have served as a reviewer for USGS publications dealing with the groundwater basin.
- My recent work in the San Francisco Bay area has kept me up to date on urgent issues associated with exports of State water from the Delta. While the City is

fortunate in not being overly reliant on this imported water source, it is important to understand these issues.

I would be happy to provide any additional information. I am reachable via e-mail during most of my stay in South America.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Barry Keller", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Barry Keller

From: James Kahan [mailto:kahan.jim@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, December 03, 2007 12:29 AM

To: Blum, Marty; Barnwell, Brian B.; Falcone, Iya; Horton, Roger; House, Grant; Schneider, Helene; Williams, Das

Cc: Alcazar, Brenda; Rodriguez, Cyndi

Subject: Appointments, Planning Commission and Architectural Board of Review

Mayor Blum and Councilmembers

I will not be able to appear before the City Council this year because I am in Asia and have been outside of the country for almost one month. I am submitting this e-mail to you in lieu of a personal appearance.

Deputy City Clerk Brenda Alcazar sent me some questions that I should address in my verbal presentation and they will be addressed in this e-mail below my signature (For your convenience, I have attached a copy of the text in this e-mail.)

Thank you for your consideration.

Jim Kahan

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Last year, I applied for appointment to the Planning Commission and made a verbal presentation to the City Council on November 21, 2006. I subsequently applied for appointment to the Architectural Board of Review and made a verbal presentation to the City Council on February 27, 2007. It was recognized that I was qualified under two categories - professional qualifications and lay member. It is my understanding that my previous application for appointment to the Architectural Board of Review will be considered again because it was filed less than one year ago, but it was necessary for me to apply again for appointment to the Planning Commission.

1. WILLING AND ABLE TO DEVOTE NECESSARY TIME - I am willing and able to devote the necessary time to serve if appointed to either the Planning Commission or Architectural Board of Review.

2. KNOWLEDGE OF PLANNING COMMISSION & ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW - When I worked for the City, I was a legal advisor to the Planning Commission and Architectural Board of Review. Since then, I have appeared before both the Planning Commission and ABR on numerous occasions. I know most of their members and I believe that I have a good working relationship with them.

3. EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS - I know the many local laws, regulations and guidelines under which the Planning Commission and ABR are organized and operate. I also understand and know many of the applicable state and federal laws, regulations and guidelines. As an undergraduate, I majored in Political Science with an emphasis in public administration and municipal planning. Prior to deciding to become a lawyer, I wanted to be an architect and I have continued my interest in both architecture and planning. I am conversant with building codes and have given courses in building code adoption and code enforcement.

4. REASONS FOR APPOINTMENT - I want to be appointed to the Planning Commission and Architectural Board of Review because I strongly believe in preserving the quality of life in Santa Barbara and I believe that I Street area can be effective on either the Planning Commission or ABR. I live in the Outer State Street area. In addition to bringing geographic diversity to the Planning Commission and Architectural Board of Review, I would add diversity in many other ways. I also want to stress that I have no financial or other interest in serving on either the Planning Commission or ABR. My only interest is what is best for Santa Barbara.

5. SPECIAL INTERESTS & ISSUES - I am very interested in preserving the quality of life in Santa Barbara, living within our natural resources, historic preservation, air and environmental quality, improving handicapped access and mobility, sustainability and green construction. We must recognize that we live within a relatively isolated narrow coastal plain with very limited resources. We all remember when the roads to Ventura and Ojai, at Gaviota and over San Marcos pass were blocked and the airport was not useable because of flooding. In addition to limited access, our road system is very narrow with limited arterial roadways. Water has always been an important issue in Santa Barbara. I do not want to see any more development which adversely impacts Santa Barbara.

6. EXPERIENCE READING PLANS & KNOWLEDGE OF CITY'S DESIGN/LAND USE POLICIES - I am very conversant with and know how to read architectural, engineering and landscape plans. I started working with plans when I was a teenager and I have worked in and with the construction industry since that time. I have litigated construction matters where it was necessary for me to interpret plans, specifications and surveys. I work with and interpret plans so regularly that I keep both architect's and engineer's rulers and scales in the top drawer of my desk.

I am very familiar with the City's Land Use/Design Policies and I have applied them to a variety of projects. Unfortunately, the City staff has not always followed these policies.

7. CURRENT LAND USE ISSUES FACING CITY - There are many current issues facing the City. Living within our resources, traffic and water issues pervade almost every development that is considered by the City. The update of the General Plan will continue to be an issue until the Land Use Element of the 1964 General Plan is replaced or significantly updated. Maintaining the size and scale of Santa Barbara is a pressing issue as illustrated by some of the large buildings that have been built or are being proposed for Santa Barbara and the large number of housing units and other proposed developments in the pipeline.

There has been a scarcity of housing in Santa Barbara for more than 130 years and balancing the "need" for affordable housing against maintaining our high quality of life in Santa Barbara is a major issue. There are more than a billion people who would like to live in Santa Barbara, but we do not have the resources to satisfy that desire. We should stop chasing the impossible dream of affordable housing for everybody. I heartily agree with the recent words of at least one council member that "We should not destroy Santa Barbara in the name of affordable housing."

8. RECOGNIZE LARGE VOLUME OF NECESSARY WORK & IMPORTANCE OF AD HOC COMMITTEES, ABLE TO DEVOTE NECESSARY TIME - If appointed to the Planning Commission, I will have the time to serve on ad hoc committees and read numerous staff reports and technical documents.

9. INTEREST IN DESIGN REVIEW & ROLE OF DESIGN REVIEW - I am very interested in design review and know that we have many very talented architects and other design professionals in our community. I do not believe that the role of design review should be to redesign projects. It is the role of a design review board to approve acceptable projects that are consistent with the design guidelines and land use requirements and are compatible with the community. The ABR should say "no" to bad projects and I am confident that our talented design professionals will return with better projects. Architects and other professionals frequently have clients who want and direct their architects and other professionals to design a bad project or do something else that is wrong. If our architects were in a position to tell their clients that something bad would not be approved, they would be in a better position to convince their clients not to pursue bad projects. We do a favor for our architects and other design professionals by denying bad projects.

10. ABR SHOULD ACT BY CONSENSUS - I believe that the ABR should act by consensus, but individual members should be allowed to concisely express different views about projects. I do not believe that the ABR members should spend their time redesigning projects. This would require to ABR to say "no" to bad projects, rather than trying to rework these bad projects.

CONCLUSION

I will have a quick learning curve because I have the knowledge, skills and experience to quickly get up to full speed.

The primary emphasis of planning in Santa Barbara should be to protect and enhance the quality of life of the people who live and own property here and make our lives more comfortable. I have a great deal of experience in reading site, building, floor and landscape plans. I know the various areas, neighborhoods and other elements of Santa Barbara and believe that I can make a positive contribution to our community.

I would be honored to serve the community in a public position.